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Dear Les,

An afterthought.

There could be a column in the new House committee that could serve my interest - trying to get them to guide right.

What is unreal is that the resolution was approved not on evidence but on bullshit. This anti-fact actually defamed the CIA and FBI. And as their records are this still was unjust and baseless. It took two forms. Downing used crap from Robert Morrow, a convicted CIA felon and fabricator. Fauntroy used what Lane was able to ripoff from Weisberg and me. He then made up an explanation that had the FBI as King's assassin. The blacks went for it. But none of it is even possible, leave alone true.

Then the committee is set up. All reports are that Lane is running it in the sense of direction and being consulted. He is a walking encyclopaedia of misinformation. His last exploit egged their faces at their first session. He told them that the Memphis police destroyed King assassination records. Well, what was destroyed undoubtedly contained surveillance reports on King but that is not the assassination. He said and the staff lawyer, Robert Ozer repeated that this was after the resolution. False, as my clippings show. It was before. It is all court record and not secret anyway. A WWAW member sued for the files on him. They used that as an excuse to destroy all such files. Caught up in this Sprague refused to identify the police agency, leading to suspicions about the federals.

This is investigating?

My experiences with them must for now be confidential. It is fighting to break up evil, with Jim. Temporarily at least we have broken it up. What it was, without all the details, is typical prosecutorial excess and contempt for people's rights, not a promising beginning. It again involved Ozer and Sprague. Sprague apologized and gave us each written explanations that explain nothing and raise questions, like why does he permit this, why did he not fire the guy then when he had ample cause instead of letting him lead the committee into this mess on the alleged destruction of records?

That records have disappeared or have been lied about is certain in my litigation and in what Jim and I learned in exercising discovery in the 1974.

Material on Lane is limitless. I believe it is important to inform the Members and those of the staff who will testify before this becomes still another national agency. If it makes a column our interests coincide.

There is more. Dick Gregory picked up some thoroughly discredited stuff made up by a kid who was about to go to jail and then was jailed. It was the effort of the kid and his mother to keep him out of jail and then get him out. I looked into it 5 years ago. Last year it was thoroughly investigated by the Atlanta police. I have their report. They conclude irrelevant. So with this garbage and with Lane's ripoffs and improvisations which carry him into the seriously unethical (about which I believe you will hear more) they actually get a contract for a book of investigative reporting on the King assassination on which neither had done any work. I've been in touch with the publisher, beginning with notice. Lane will get the cheap fame that is his air and water and there will be another disinformation operations if there is this book. I think maybe the contract will be broken.

John Connally used the right description, scavenger.

Meanwhile, a month after creation this investigating committee has not hired a single investigator, according to Waldron. It also waited a month before issuing any subpoenaes, an invitation to memory-holing. My advice on this was on 9/15, thereafter repeated. No investigators, no subpoenaes, no experts, no judgement = an investigation? Best,